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U.S. Terms Two Dusted Men Bona Fide Tourists

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Where the permittent said

today that it was satisfied that

Harvey C. Bennett and Mark 17

Kaminsky, who, were detained

in the Soviet Union for several

weeks and just released, had

been legitimate tourists.

Soviet authorities accused

Mr. Kaminsky of apying and

sentenced him to seven years

then expelled both.

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man made the statement when tasked about a published report that the two men were under contract to the Central Intelligence Agency to report on their observations in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Kamiusky and Mr. Bennett said they had traveled under scholarships of \$2,000 each from the Northcraft Educational Fund, Philadelphia, Tass, Soviet press agency, has called Northcraft a "spy organization." The Internal Revenue Service said Northcraft was not a tax-exempt educational organization. mization.

Mr. Karhinsky has said he plans a book about Soviet military activities.

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